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INTRODUCTION

The 2020 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services would normally consist of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. Due to the covid-19 global pandemic, we conducted one on-site facility inspection, along with staff and youth interviews, an audit of the state detention standards, and conducted testing on the candlelight levels and ventilation in accordance to the standards requirement.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2020, for their 24th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Porter
Governing authority:	Porter Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Alison Cox
Detention Director:	Alison Cox
Detention facility's mission:	To provide safe, secure and temporary custody to juveniles who are accused or adjudicated of conduct subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who require a physically restricting environment for their own or the community's protection.
Rated capacity:	24
Population on date of first audit:	8
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	12.3
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	15.8
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	None
De-escalation techniques training:	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention-Crisis Prevention Institute (NCI CPI)
Physical force techniques training:	NCI-CPI
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	PCJDC kitchen staff
Name of food service supervisor:	Sharon Hall
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr. Eric Tchaptchet, MD, Quality Correction Care (QCC)
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Aimee Christian, MSW, Porter-Starke Services (PRN), Family and Youth Service Bureau
Education Services:	The youth work on homework from home schools for those in school. TABE testing for all and then grade appropriate work for those not in school. TASC prep and testing if no longer pursuing diploma. GRADPOINT for credit recovery and grade level work when appropriate.

Porter County 2020 Audit

Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u>
On-site Visit Conducted: August 19, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 35
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey and Laurie Elliott (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Alison Cox. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Two male youth were interviewed because there were no females present.
Youth Responses:	Both youths said that they felt safe at the facility and the environment was comfortable, except one youth had seen spiders. Both said that they had participated in fire drills. Neither youth had any suggestions for the facility and felt that they were doing a good job and doing well talking to them.
Staff Interviews:	There were two line staff interviewed.
Staff Responses:	Both staff described an emergency evacuation or drill. Control unlocks the doors and staff use their emergency short cut cards where each staff is assigned specific tasks and they follow their cards. They described that the permanent logs on the housing units have movement, what kids are in their rooms, maintenance, who has keys, inventory, searches, shift change, and alerts. The staff said that they do have mechanical restraints and when used the youth is check every 15 minutes, but the use of them is a last resort and it approved by shift lead/supervisor. Both staff said that facility searches are performed every day. Lastly, youth going through detoxification are taken to the hospital and cannot come back unless cleared.
Non-compliant Standards:	None

Recommended Action:	None
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Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 69
Auditor:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Two male youth were interviewed because there were no females present.
Youth Responses:	Both youths said they received the facility handbook and understood the rules and punishments. They said that they found them fair. Both said that their contact with their contact with their probation officer, court official, or attorney was kept confidential. Both said that they liked the educational program and no concerns.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 53
Auditor:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Two male youth were interviewed because there were no females present.
Youth Responses:	Both youths said that the food was good and that they received three, regularly scheduled meal a day with two of them being hot. Both confirmed that they received all necessary items during intake and that they received clean bedding once a week and clean clothing every day. Both youths said that they felt that their medical and mental health was

	taken seriously and presented in a way that they could understand. They also felt confident that their medical and mental health information was kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>61 Administration Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 59
Auditor:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 100% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with the 2020 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alison Cox, Director
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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